

**ORDERS CONCEIVED BY**  
the Lords of His Maiesties Priuie Councell, and  
by his Highnesse speciall direction, commanded strictly to bee put in execution, for the re-  
straint of killing and eating of Flesh this next Lent, and to be executed, aswell by the Lord  
Mayoꝛ within the Citie and Suburbs of London, and by the Officers of the Liberties  
and exempt places in and about the same, As by Order to be prescribed through all the  
Counties of this Realme, to the Iustices of Peace, Lords of Liberties, and Officers of  
Corporate Townes.

January 20. In the thirteenth yeere of His Maiesties Reigne of Great Britaine,  
France and Ireland.



First, wheras it appeareth, that the chiefeſt cauſe of all abuſe and diſorder hath growne from the Licences, that haue bene graunted to Butchers to kill and vtter Fleſh contrary to Law; And that it is plaine, that no Mayoꝛ, Juſtice of Peace, oꝛ other perſon, of what degree oꝛ qualitie ſoener, can graunt any Licence in this kinde; And that we of his Maieſties Priuie Councell doe ſorbear to graunt any ſuch Licence, oꝛ to giue way thereunto: It is therefore ordered by- on the Penalties provided by Law, and ſuch further puniſhment to be inflicted vpon the offenders, as ſhall be thought meet, that no ſuch Licence bee granted for the killing oꝛ vttering of fleſh, and that no Butcher, oꝛ other perſon whatſoener, doe kill, vtter oꝛ put to ſale any fleſh, contrary to the Lawes eſtabliſhed and provided in that behalfe.

And for the auoyding of ſuch inconueniences, as haue riſen by diſorders in this kinde: The Lord Mayoꝛ of London, and euery other Officer and Juſtice of Peace, ſhall call before them, and ſend for any of the Seruants of any Inholders, Victualers, Cookes, Tauer- noꝛs, and keepers of ordinary Tables, and ſuch others that vtter Victuals, to examine them vpon their corporall Oathes, what fleſh is, oꝛ hath bene, during the Lent ſeaſon, dreſſed, killed, vttered, oꝛ eaten in their houſes; which if they ſhall reſuſe to doe, then to commit to Priſon the ſaid Seruants, ſo reſuſing vpon their Oathes to declare the trueth.

That the Lord Mayoꝛ ſhall now preſently before Lent, oꝛ at the beginning thereof, cauſe all Inholders, keepers of ordinary Tables, Victualers, Alehouſe-keepers, and Tauer- ners, within the Citie and Liberties thereof, to appeare before him, oꝛ ſuch perſons as hee ſhall appoint meet for that purpoſe, and ſhall take Bonds with ſufficient Sureties of euery of them in good ſummes of money, viz. one hundred pounds the Principall, and the Sureties thirtie pounds apiece, to his Maieſties uſe, not to dreſſe any Fleſh in their houſes this Lent time, ſiꝛ any reſpect, noꝛ ſuffer it to be eaten: The like Bonds with Sureties ſhalbe taken of the like perſons vpon like Penalties, by the chiefe Officers of Weſtmiſter, and the Liberties thereof, and euery of the ſaid Bonds to be certified into his Maieſties Exchequer.

And for the Butchers and others that come with Victuals of fleſh out of the Countrey to the Citie, the Lord Mayoꝛ ſhall cauſe certaine perſons to watch at the Gates, and other like places in the Suburbs, where fleſh may be brought in, to view and ſearch, and to intercept the ſame: and if any of thoſe watchmen be found negligent, and corrupt in his charge, then he to be committed to Priſon during the whole Lent.



**A**ND to the end the Fishermen may imploy themselves to Sea, with better encouragement then heretofore; And that the Fishmongers may furnish themselves with such store from time to time hereafter as shalbe expedient, aswell for the provision of the Citie, as for selling the same at reasonable rates: They are hereby required to take notice of his Maiesties commandement, and constant resolution for the obseruance of Lent, and Fish dayes both now and hereafter, as by Law is required.

**A**ND forasmuch as the vse and libertie now taken, is so farre declined from the abstinence, and moderation of former times, as in stead of fasting, and forbearing Suppers on Fridayes both in Lent, and other times, which heretofore was duely obserued; there is now nothing moze vsuall, then to make speciall choise of Friday nights for Suppers and entertainment, and to marke out those dayes for riot and excesse, to the great offence and scandall of Government: For the auoyding whereof, as it is to be wished, that every man would be a rule of order to himselfe, in his own house, aswell in respect of the Publique, as of his private ease and commoditie: So his Maiestie doeth straitly charge and command all Inholders, Keepers of Ordinary Tables, Victualers, Alehouse-keepers, and Tauerneors, not to make any Supper for any person, or persons whatsoeuer vpon Friday nights, either in Lent or out of Lent, nor to suffer any Meate to be then dressed, vttered, sold, or eaten in their houses, vpon such punishment as is due to those that shall contemne his Maiesties Royall pleasure and commandement.

**A**ND as these Orders are expressly deuised to be executed in the Citie of London and places neere to the same: So his Maiesties pleasure and Commandement is, That the execution of these, or like Orders be performed by the commandement of his Maiesties Iustices of Peace in all Shires within their Rule, and to all other Officers in Townes Corporate, or in any Liberties, with like order for the Bonds to be taken to his Maiesties vse, and certified into the Exchequer: And that no manner of toleration, fauour or conniuenccie be vsed by any Iustice of Peace, or other Officer, contrary to the true meaning of these Orders, as both they that shall presume wittingly so to tolerate the offence, as also the Party himselfe offending will answer the same at their vttermost perils. It being his Maiesties expresse pleasure, that his Lawes in this case shall be hereafter severely executed vpon all offenders whatsoener.



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